

# GRADE 6

## CORE CONCEPT:

### I. THE MYSTERY OF GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

#### STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of God as creator of all things.

- Explains all goodness and love as coming from God.
- Recalls that God continues to create for our enjoyment, respect, and stewardship
- Defines God as worthy of total trust.

#### STANDARD 2: Understands the human person as imaging God.

- Describes the gift of grace as God's presence in the human person.
- Recognizes sexuality as a gift from God.

#### STANDARD 3: Recognizes the inter-connectedness of humans with all creation.

- Explains all creation as a system of interrelated parts.

#### STANDARD 4: Recognizes the call to continuing conversion by further developing the Kingdom of God.

- Identifies ways that we build the Kingdom of God.

### II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, THE INCARNATE WORD OF GOD

#### STANDARD 1: Articulates an understanding of the Incarnation: the Word of God, enfleshed in Jesus Christ.

- Describes the Jesus of the Gospels.
- Describes Christ as the sacrament of God and greatest sign of God's love.
- Describes Jesus' life as a Jewish believer.

#### STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of Christ's life, death, and resurrection as the distinctive sign of Christian faith.

- Identifies ways Jesus is the model of Christian life and love.
- Explains the sequence of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

#### STANDARD 3: Recognizes that through Jesus, God established a relationship of particular intimacy with us.

- Identifies the personal traits of Jesus displayed in the Gospels.
- Recalls that God's forgiveness is offered to everyone through Jesus.

### III. THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LOVING PRESENCE OF GOD

#### STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as being the Spirit of God who reveals God and makes Christ known to us.

- Describes the Trinity of God as a community of three persons.
- Explains that Jesus sent the Spirit to be present in our lives.

**STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the one who awakens us to faith.**

- Identifies the role of the Spirit as moral guide.
- Identifies the Holy Spirit as the one who helps us to pray.
- Explains the role of the Spirit on Pentecost.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the vibrant presence of God in the Church and the World.**

- Identifies the Spirit as the force that draws Jesus' followers into one Christian family.
- Recalls the role of the Spirit, giving life to the Church

#### **IV. THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH, THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**STANDARD 1: Identifies the covenants revealed in the Scriptures as extending to all creation.**

- Identifies fidelity as the basis of all covenant relationships.
- Identifies the covenant of the Old and New Testament.
- Defines the conditions of a covenant.
- Illustrates fidelity in the experiences of God's people throughout history.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates an understanding of and an appreciation for active participation in a community of faith.**

- Recalls the Catholic Church as the community of God's people.
- Recalls the Church as the Body of Christ, Communion of Saints, People of God.
- Recognizes the presence of the risen Christ in the Church.
- Relates the mission of the Church to Jesus' ministries of community, word, worship, and service.

**STANDARD 3: Identifies the context of the Scriptures and their role in the development of the Church.**

- Recalls how the Scriptures reveal God.
- Recognizes prayer in the Scriptures, especially the Psalms, as the prayer of the Church.
- Identifies the role of prophet.
- Recalls the Biblical teaching about God's goodness in us and in all creation.
- Explains the structure of the Bible: number of books, general types of writings, main divisions.
- Recalls the purpose of the Bible as telling God's story and the story of God's people.

**STANDARD 4: Articulates the nature of Tradition and its role in the development of the Church.**

- Describes Tradition as referring to the living transmission of all that the

Church is and believes.

- Describes the sources of Church teaching as Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition through the Magisterium.
- Defines statements of belief in the Creed.

**STANDARD 5: Identifies the role of Mary and the Saints in the life of the Church.**

- Recalls that God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.
- Identify Mary as the first and perfect Christian.
- Identifies the titles of Mary: Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Mother of us all, Immaculate Conception.
- Recalls the feasts of the Annunciation and the Assumption.
- Identifies Mary as the patron of the United States and the diocese of Evansville.
- Identifies the way of praying the rosary.
- Describes a patron saint.
- Identifies the process of beatification and canonization.
- Distinguishes what is a martyr.

**STANDARD 6: Identifies the call to missionary discipleship.**

- Recalls the responsibility to witness the faith.
- Explains the nature of discipleship.

## **V. GOD TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE OUT OUR SALVATION**

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Paschal Mystery and the various ways we encounter it in daily living.**

- Recognizes that the Paschal Mystery consists of the death and Resurrection of Jesus.
- Identifies instances of good and evil, sin and virtue in the world.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the ability to apply the commandment of love by making life decisions within the Christian moral framework.**

- Identifies selfishness as the basis of evil.
- Identifies the conditions for serious sin.
- Recognizes Jesus' commandment as the summary of all other commandments.
- Explains the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates the relationship between faith and culture as it is found in the arts, sciences, and technology.**

- Relates aspects of culture to Gospel values.
- Produces examples of cultural faith expressions through drama, art, song and gesture.
- Applies knowledge of faith to the arts, sciences, and use of technology.

**STANDARD 4: Applies Catholic principles to interpersonal relationships as found in the family, the workplace, society and the Church.**

- Associates one's relationship to others with one's relationship to Jesus.

- Identifies the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**STANDARD 5: Exercises responsible stewardship toward all creation.**

- Identifies the need to care for and respect all creation.
- Indicates the biblical roots of stewardship.
- Recalls the role of steward.

**STANDARD 6: Examines the variety of Christian lifestyles as ways of responding to the baptismal call to a life of service.**

- Describes the type of ordained ministries in the Church.
- Explains various vocations.

## **VI. GOD INVITES US INTO RELATIONSHIP THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER AND THROUGH COMMUNITY WORSHIP.**

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of and an experience with different ways of relating to God in prayer on a personal level and in community.**

- Recalls the prayers in our Tradition and selected Psalms.
- Identifies various kinds of prayer and prayer forms.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the importance of Sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.**

- Lists the sacraments of initiation, healing and commitment.
- Identifies the Eucharist as the source and sign of unity in the Church.
- Recalls Christ's action in our lives through the sacraments.
- Recognizes grace as coming from the sacraments.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates recognition of the sacredness of time through the celebration of the hours, the liturgical season and special feasts and days.**

- Traces the cycle of the liturgical calendar.

## **VII. GOD CALLS US TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR.**

**STANDARD 1: Engages in activities that demonstrate an understanding of and personal witness**

**to Christ's command to love and serve one another.**

- Recognizes holiness as caring about others as Jesus cared about us.
- Identifies the Works of Mercy as ways to live out concern for others.
- Recognizes the need to reach out to the needy as continuing the work of Jesus.

**STANDARD 2: Engages in service to the community in response to the Gospel call.**

- Names ways to love neighbor as self.
- Explains acts of service.

**STANDARD 3: Critiques societal structures in the light of Catholic social justice principles and applies them to social and personal situations.**

- Recognizes the work of the Church as love, peace and justice.
- Name principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

**STANDARD 4: Acknowledges and affirms the diverse cultural expressions of Catholicism.**

- Compares cultural expression of Catholicism as it is lived locally, e.g., Hispanic, African American, Vietnamese, Polish, Ethiopian, Chinese, etc.